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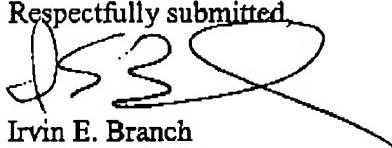
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This communication confirms the information provided by Supervising Patent Examiner Sough on February 16, 2006. Specifically, after consultation with members of the Appeal Board, SPE Sough confirmed the acceptability of the Applicant's Appeal Brief filed on September 5, 2003, file under the "old" appeal brief rules. The Applicants ARE NOT required to prepare a new Appeal Brief in compliance with the new Appeal Brief rules, and the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief is withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated in the Applicants' Appeal Brief filed on September 5, 2003, (as updated on November 1, 2005), the Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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